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WILBRAHAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES FROM MARCH 23, 2015

The Conservation Commission meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM

Members present: Christopher Brown, Chairman, Jim Roberts, George Reich, Tom Reavey and Stoughton Smead

Staff: Melissa Graves, Administrative Assistant

Appointment

Thayer Brook Update

Retired state forester Carmine Angeloni presented a slide show highlighting the progress of the forest management program at the Thayer Brook property. The project is nearing the end and the weather is changing quickly so the contractor is working diligently to get the equipment off site before the ground thaws. The trails are currently unstable as well as the area surrounding the garden so it has been closed off to all vehicle/foot traffic. After the large equipment is moved off-site, Rocky Mountain will be going back into the woods to complete the hand cutting and clearing of any trail debris.

Appointment

Bruuer Pond Update

Present: Tonya Basch and Carmine Angelone

All the pertinent information for the project for the bank stabilization and bridge building has been submitted to the Conservation Commission, the Department of Environmental Protection as well as the Army Corps of Engineers for review. The public hearing will be scheduled in April.

Discussion

Open Space and Recreation Committee

Present from OSRP: Joe Calabrese and Jay Taylor

The Conservation Commission requested the presence of members of the OSRP to discuss the donation of several parcels on Shady Lane. The parcels are on a private road and are adjacent to two other small town parcels. The big question was that what significance would the parcels have to preserve it as Conservation Land or Open Space? Mr. Taylor and Mr. Calabrese agreed to go and take a look at the parcels and give their opinion. The Conservation Commission agreed to do the same.

Mr. Taylor and Mr. Calabrese also brought up a current project they are working towards. They want to create accessible trails. They specifically spoke about a trail at the Crane Hill Road Conservation property that is relatively flat. Creating the trails with the millings from repaved roads was an option for creating the trail.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM. The Conservation Commission will reconvene at its next scheduled meeting on Monday, April 13, 2015 at 7:00 PM.

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Approved As To Form And Content:

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Christopher Brown, Chairman

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